

# TIMA NEWS



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## TECHNICAL TIDBITS

### Did You Know?

#### TIMA Beta Version 3.0 Testing

Data Enterprises of the Northwest, Inc. (DEN) visited Jacksonville, FL and Warner Robins, GA recently to load the beta test copy of the new release. The installation at both sites went fairly smoothly. While a few minor problems have occurred, the overall testing is going well. A copy of the software has also been given to Decision Systems Technologies, Inc. (DSTI), and they will be thoroughly testing the software on the Integration Storage Facility (ISF) system.

#### Pick Systems Training

In addition to the Access Query Overview that we do for free for all hotline customers, there are other sources for learning more about Pick Systems. JES and Associates

were at the users meeting and Pick Systems offers classes both in Irvine, CA and Washington D.C. Contact Ruthanne Ali at 714-260-5106 or alir@picksys.com for more information.

#### GUI/Windows NT

DEN recently began their Graphical User Interface (GUI)/Windows implementation of Automated Tool Inventory Control and Tracking System (ATICTS)/TIMA. We have lots of work to do before it is demonstrable, but we hope to have a demonstration copy by the first of the year. DEN is currently running and testing ATICTS on a Windows NT platform in their office. Many industry leaders believe that Windows NT is the future platform of choice—ATICTS will soon be there.

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## Calibration

### Tracking and TIMA

Calibration tracking is getting increased interest by several of our installed TIMA sites. The reason is simple, calibrated tools can be checked out through a tool room which uses TIMA. The interest normally is one of two areas: (1) transmitting calibration data to and from a calibration system, and (2) using the Calibration system that exists in TIMA.

Transmitting data to another system is relatively easy and depending upon the network in use and the volume and

frequency of data can normally be accomplished in minutes.

TIMA is installed at many commercial nuclear sites. The use of atomic energy to create electric power necessitates extremely tight tool control. Consequently TIMA's calibration module is very extensive. It meets or exceeds all of the requirements that the Joint Logistics Systems Center (JLSC) has expressed. To learn more about it, read the TIMA user manual or call Data Enterprises of the Northwest, Inc. (DEN).

## DEN's Technical Tip

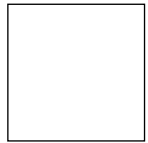
We recommend that the system administrator check the system statistics report monthly for files that need to be resized. A copy of this report can be obtained from the Data Manager (DM) account by entering 'LIST-FILE-STATS (P'. You will need to check for files that are in overflow. Complete instructions on how to read this report can be found in both the Automated Tool Inventory Control and Tracking System (ATICTS) Administrator's Manual and in your Pick Systems Reference Guide. Recently a site received several files that needed to be resized and they had lost a lot of disk space by incorrectly logging people off the system. We ended up doing a complete save and restore (which it is a good idea to do at least yearly). After the restore we had reclaimed about 150 MB of disk space.



- All TIMA-related calls tracked through resolution
- A call is not resolved until the customer is satisfied with the solution

1-800-250-4094





## Superior Performance



We at the Joint Logistics Systems Center (JLSC), are proud and delighted to select Mr. Gary Ely and Ms. Gail King of the Naval Aviation Depot in Jacksonville, FL as the TIMA Tool Crib Superstars for this quarter. Their implementation of the TIMA tool application has been so complete that every item in their tool crib is managed with the TIMA application. Since implementing TIMA they have

reduced lost tool incidents by 20 percent, while increasing special tool calibration effectiveness and completely eliminating duplicate purchasing of tools.

In short, TIMA has made a tremendous impact on the NADEP business process which has benefited the entire tool management branch.

*Col John Traugott, Chief,  
Product Division Directorate for  
Depot Maintenance*

### HELPFUL HINTS

## from DSTI

**W**hen doing physical inventory with the trakker, quantities will only be updated automatically if the Transaction Register feature is turned off in the System Control File, SCF.Trans.Reg (Line 6=N). If it is set to "Y", then the trakker can be used and the data is stored in the Inventory Hold File (IHF), which is purgeable and prints a Tool Inventory Batch Upload Variance Report to be manually inputted.

*Michael Swain, DSTI*



## Manager's Notes

I just want to thank all the TIMA customers for all the support they've given to the program.

We are currently planning the 1997 TIMA Users' Conference for March 1997. The event will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, with the Army Depot hosting the event. We will try to make this event better than last year.

We currently have TIMA deployed at 19 sites with 4 more to go. Our sustainment contract is in place for next year which includes installing TIMA Version 3.0. I know you will be pleased with all the enhancements that will make the TIMA system work even better for you!

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

*Dave Romanko, TIMA Project Manager*

### Keep in Touch!

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